

FLIGHT DECK DUTY



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REFERENCES:

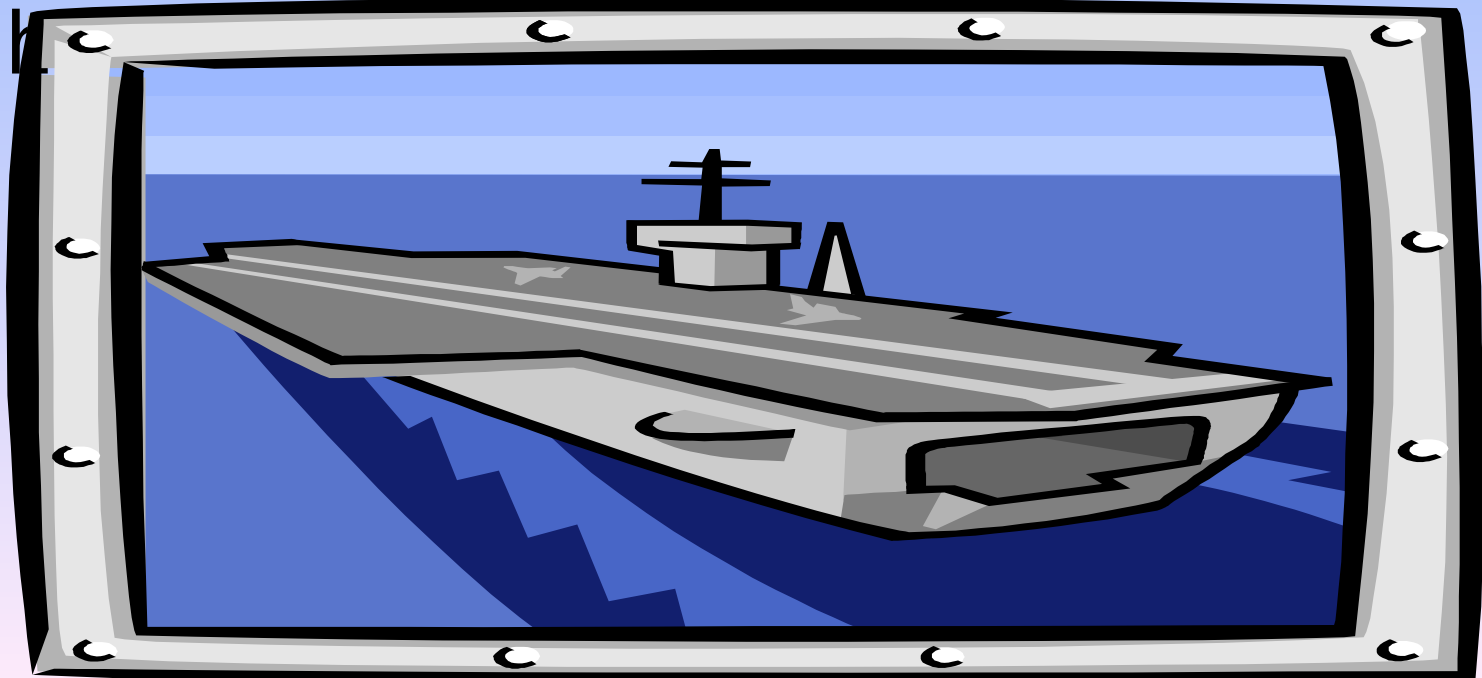
- OPNAVINST 7220.4H
– (Flight Deck Duty Order)
- DODFMR, Chap 24
- MCO P1080.40 (PRIM)

DEFINITIONS:



Eligible Air Capable Ship

- A ship having a flight deck which has been certified to launch or land aircraft, or



Flight Operations

- The period of time in which launch and recovery of aircraft are in progress on the flight deck of an eligible air capable ship.
- This includes the turn-up and movement of aircraft preparatory to launch and the movement and shutdown of aircraft immediately following recovery.

Day of Flight Operations

- One day of flight operations shall consist of a calendar day during which one-fourth the Monthly aircraft takeoffs and/or landings requirements specified for each **ship class** takes place.
- Four days of flight operations, or the equivalent, shall constitutes the basic calendar month qualification criteria.

Equivalent of Four Days Flight Operations

- Any single day or combination of days during a calendar month in which the number of aircraft take-off's and/or landings equals the monthly total requirement, as specified for that class ship, shall constitute the equivalent of four days of flight operations.

Flight Deck Hazardous Billet

- A billet which requires frequent and regular participation in flight



Entitlement

- Member of a crew of an eligible air capable ship or an aviation unit operating from such a ship, fixed-wing-aircraft carrier or an aviation unit operating from that type of carrier



Entitlement

- Member **ordered by competent authority** to duty in a **billet** which requires frequent and regular participation in flight operations.

Entitlement

- Participates, within a calendar month, in 4 days of flight operations or their equivalent on the flight deck of eligible air capable ships.

Quotas and Billets

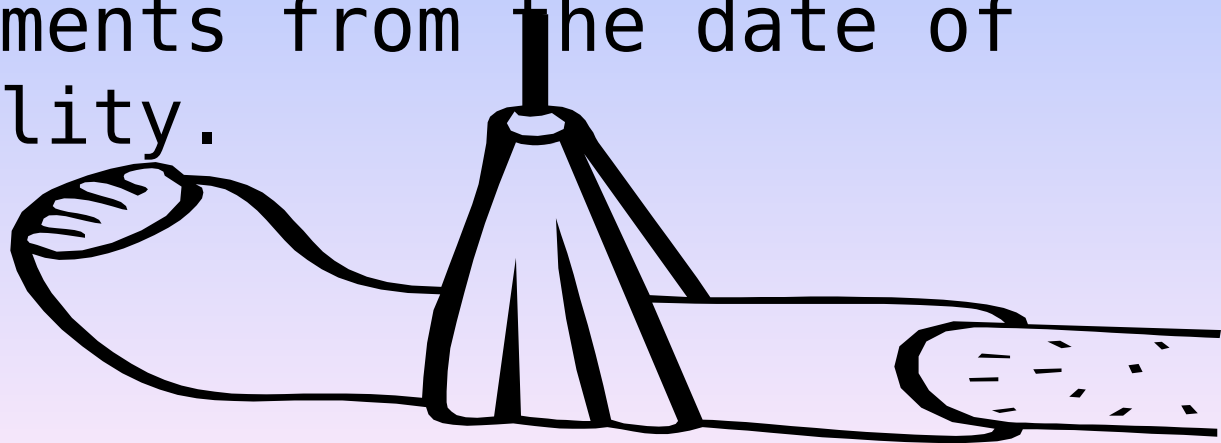
- The number of members entitled to Flight Deck Hazardous Duty Pay is subject to the monthly quotas applicable to the eligible air capable ships and type of combination of air units operating from such ships, as promulgated in the Chief of Naval Operations Instructions 7220.4 Series.

Quotas and Billets

- Personnel on leave or under Temporary Additional Duty Orders may be retained under orders to a flight deck hazardous duty billet.
- These members will not be chargeable against the monthly quota assignment during periods of leave or TAD, unless they qualify for FDHDP; however, such members, to receive FDHDP, must participate in the number of necessary flight deck evolutions for the month(s) concerned.

Quotas and Billets

- Personnel injured or incapacitated as a result of performance of flight deck hazardous duty will not be chargeable against monthly quota assignments from the date of disability.



Members on Temporary Additional Duty or Temporary Duty

- Members on temporary additional duty with the crew of an eligible air capable ship or an aviation unit operating from such a ship may be ordered to flight deck hazardous duty billets.
- When ordered, they are entitled to flight deck hazardous duty pay for the actual period specified in the orders provided they meet minimal participation requirements for an entire month (4 days of flight operations or their equivalent).

Members on Temporary Additional Duty or Temporary Duty

- The actual date that an aviation unit departs the ship does not alter the entitlement for a full month provided the requirements have been met and the orders to such duty remain in effect.
- Dual Payments. Members receiving incentive pay for any other type of hazardous duty are not entitled to FDHDP for the same period.

Commencement and Termination of Flight Deck Hazardous Duty Pay

- Eligibility for entitlement begins on the date a member is "ordered" to duty. When ordered, members are entitled to FDHDP for the actual time specified in the orders.

Commencement and Termination of Flight Deck Hazardous Duty Pay

- Eligibility ends on the date the orders to such duty are revoked or when a member is permanently detached from the aircraft carrier or aviation unit, whichever occurs first. Orders may be terminated for other reasons but not for the sole purpose of providing FDHDP for additional members.

Proration

- Flight Deck Hazardous Duty Pay is prorated for the days of the calendar month during which the orders are in effect providing the full month participation requirements are met

